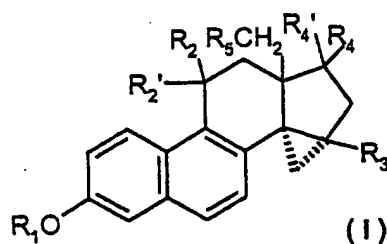


In the Specification:

Please make the following changes:

Pages 1 & 2, paragraph extending from page 1, line 19, to page 2, line 2:

According to the invention, this objective is ~~reached~~ attained by forming equilenin derivatives of general formula (I)



wherein

R₁ denotes a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₅-alkyl group, a C₁-C₅-acyl group or a benzoyl group,

R₂ denotes a hydrogen atom and R'₂ denotes ~~a hydrogen atom, a~~
a fluorine atom, a hydroxyl group or a C₁-C₅-acyloxy group or R₂ and R'₂ together denote an oxo group,

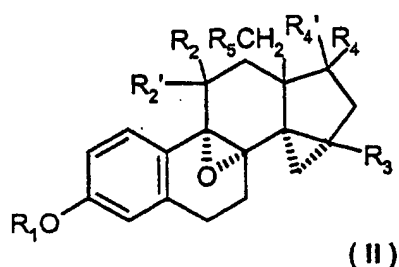
R₃ denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

R₄ denotes a hydrogen atom and R'₄ denotes a hydroxyl group or a C₁-C₁₁-acyloxy group or R₄ and R'₄ together denote an oxo group, a

methylene group, a halomethylene group or a dihalomethylene group
and R_5 denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

Page 5, first full paragraph, from line 4 to line 15:

The cyclopropano steroids of general formula II



wherein

R_1 denotes a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_5 -alkyl group, a C_1 - C_5 -acyl group
or a benzoyl group,

R_2 denotes a hydrogen atom and R'_2 denotes ~~a hydrogen atom, a~~
a fluorine atom, a hydroxyl group or a C_1 - C_5 -acyloxy group or R_2 and
 R'_2 together denote an oxo group,

R_3 denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

R_4 denotes a hydrogen atom and R'_4 denotes a hydroxyl group or a
 C_1 - C_{11} -acyloxy group or R_4 and R'_4 together denote an oxo group, a

methylene group, a halomethylene group or a dihalomethylene group and

R₅ denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, are new and have previously not been described.

Page 5, second full paragraph, from line 16 to line 26:

Particularly preferred, are, for example, the following cyclopropano steroids:

1) ~~3-methoxy-14 α ,15 α -methylene-8 α ,9 α -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-17 α -ol,~~

2) ~~3-methoxy-14 α ,15 α -methylene-8 α ,9 α -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-17 α -yl acetate,~~

3) ~~3-methoxy-14 α ,15 α -methylene-8 α ,9 α -oxidoestra-18 α -homoestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-17 α -yl propionate,~~

4) ~~14 α ,15 α -methylene-8 α ,9 α -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-3,17 α -diyl diacetate,~~

5) ~~3-methoxy-15 β -methyl-14 α ,15 α -methylene-8 α ,9 α -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-17 β -ol,~~

6) 1) 11 α -hydroxy-3-methoxy-14 α ,15 α -methylene-8 α ,9 α -oxidoestra-

1,3,5(10)-trien-17 α -yl acetate,

~~7)~~2) 3-methoxy-14 α ,15 α -methylene-8 α ,9 α -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-

trien-11 α ,17 α -diyl diacetate and

~~8)~~3) 3-methoxy-11 α -hydroxy-8 α ,9 α -oxido-14 α ,15 α -methylenestra-

1,3,5(10)-trien-17 β -yl acetate.